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Dear parent/carer,

## SCHOOL UPDATE

I wanted to update you on some of the things happening at Tweeddale. Each week, so many wonderful things happen at our school and I want to share these with you on a more regular basis than my fortnightly newsletter. From now on you will get a personal message from me every Friday afternoon, either as a separate letter or attached as part of the newsletter.

This week I was incredibly proud of our Year 3 pupils, who behaved beautifully during their trip to the Natural History Museum in London on Wednesday. It is quite a challenge to negotiate buses and tubes as well as a bustling museum. A huge thank you to the staff and wonderful parent volunteers for making this happen!

I have also been deeply impressed by our Year 6 prefects and sports leaders, who helped support the younger children at our school during their 'Multiskills Workshop', which was run by Sutton Schools Sport Partnership on Thursday. The facilitator emailed us afterwards to commend the Year 6 pupils.

Today we introduced a new initiative: the 'Daily Mile'. We are part of a Local Authority project to boost fitness and healthy living among children and our pupils in their class groups will be invited to do some light jogging around the playground once or more a week. For this, each child has been given a generous gift of a Tweeddale water bottle to help them stay hydrated. They will keep these bottles in school.

This week we also had several external visitors conducting audits of our educational provision at Tweeddale, which, after all, is our core purpose! The audits in Phonics, Maths and Early Years all came out with some positive progress being made as well as areas for improvement. My staff are working resolutely to respond to the feedback and make the necessary changes.

Finally, may I remind you of the excellent 'Being a Parent' course which we are hosting here at the school next Tuesday (28 January) at 9am? I am attaching the flyer once again to this letter. We would be delighted if you could join us. I am a dad to five children and I know that I need all the help I can get to set them up for a bright future!

Many thanks for all your support for your child's education! It means a great deal to us.

Kind regards,

Mr. Walters  
Headteacher

Mr J Walters, Headteacher

